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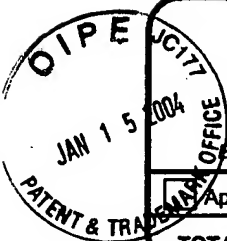
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
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1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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The original declaration was not received in time for filing along with the above-identified application. We therefore respectfully request the appended original declaration be included with the above-identified patent application.


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DE 102 54 805.6 for filing in the above-identified patent  
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